

FORSCOM ARMS CONFERENCE AAR

UASSD representatives recently attended the FORSCOM ARMS Conference at Nashville, Tennessee on 27-28 July 2004.

The AAR is published for aviation personnel to keep abreast of all FORSCOM Aviation Resource Management Survey (ARMS) related subjects throughout aviation community.

This year's conference theme was "Continue To Do It Right," a revisiting of last year's "Do It Right" and this was the ARMS goal. The conference covered many subjects; those of particular interest to USAREUR-based units are included below:

Aviation Transformation and Modularization were discussed in virtually all forums. Many unit representatives forwarded a proposal that there be standardized Garrison and Tactical SOPs for the three different Units of Action (UA). For those not familiar, there will be UAs tailored for the three types of divisions: Heavy (Armor and Mechanized Infantry), Airborne (82d and 101st) and Light. The discussion revolved around the many, nearly unlimited, variations in unit SOPs. In addition to the training time for new personnel, many cases were sighted when necessity created task organizations of aircraft and crews from different units the variations in SOP created mission distracters and safety issues.

Personnel Recovery is a new hot topic, also. Transformation/Modularization will commit all existing airframes, and, in some cases, require additional aircraft acquisition. The result is that there is insufficient resource to dedicate units or assets to Personnel Recovery. All units must anticipate and plan for directives that will make Personnel Recovery a task which will require as much emphasis as all other unit METL Tasks.

PM Air Warrior briefed their equipment ensemble.

The following information is of interest for units scheduled to be fielded Air Warrior ALSE prior to next deployment. The Air Warrior system should be requested in its entirety. Optional equipment not delivered during the initial fielding may be experience delayed delivery times.

Air Warrior has an optional flotation collar that replaces the old "water wings." Weighing roughly 2 pounds, it clips on and off the vest easily, and has a very low profile that does not restrict head movement in any way. This new flotation device has sufficient lift capacity to surface and maintain a crew member with all equipment on, including body armor with .30 caliber hard plate, cooling vest and chemical protective equipment.

Air Warrior has also begun production of the new, improved ABDU in desert tan. The current policy is that, if the unit being fielded requests the Micro Climate

Cooling system, they will also be fielded one improved desert ABDU per crew member as part of the fielding. If the cooling system is not requested, the unit will have to order the new ABDUs separately.

Safety Officers may contact the UASSD Safety Division to receive copies of the latest FORSCOM Safety, POL and HAZCOM inspection checklists which include excerpts of all appropriate inspection area/question references.

All briefing slides are posted on the ARMS website which requires a user name and password to access. (<https://freddie.forscom.army.mil>) and click on Aviation for more information. ARMS managers and commanders are encouraged to view presentations that effect their current mission.

Any and all questions about this conference should be directed to the Standardization Division at 322-7741 or email: standzoic@cmtymail.104asg.army.mil